

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Pursuant to the requirement of 37 CFR 1.121(b), and as stated above, please substitute and replace all the claim sheets, as amended and as originally filed, with the above amended set of claims. The following claim rejections and objections were noted from the Final Office Action dated February 26, 2004, and pursuant to each paragraph, presented in the same order, arguments follow.

### **Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103**

3. *Claims 20-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Park (U.S. 5,750,269) in view of Roberts (U.S. 5,453,459).*

In response to this rejection, claims 20 and 21 have been cancelled.

4. *Claim 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Swidler (U.S. 5,719,221) in view of Roberts (U.S. 5,453,459).*

In response to this rejection, amendments have been made to include the recitation of “only water” to be used to rinse off the protective coating.

### **Response to Arguments**

Applicant respectfully submits that this amendment now renders the claims allowable. New claims 22 and 23 have been presented for entry and consideration and they were favorably noted because they are merely method adaptations of already allowed claims. There is sufficient support in the specification for such new method claims. Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 22 and 23 are, therefore, allowable.

*Allowable Subject Matter*

Claims 16, 17 and 19 were all deemed to be allowable.

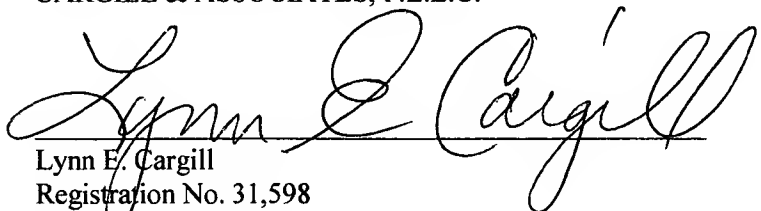
For the reasons above, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 15, 16, 17, 19, 22 and 23 are now in condition for allowance, and requests that the Examiner give such an allowance.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for her thorough examination, and hopes, that by these Amendments, the subject matter of the present invention is now more clearly stated, such that a closer review of the present invention, in light of the amendments and arguments made here, will give solid support for an allowance. Consequently, Applicant requests reconsideration in the instant Application and withdrawal of all grounds of rejection and objection in view of the amendments and the following discussion.

If the Examiner feels that the prosecution of this Application can be expedited by conversation, she is courteously requested to place a telephone call to Applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the remaining claims now distinguish over the prior art and are allowable. For the reasons discussed above, it is believed that this Application is now in an allowable condition such that it is appropriate to hereby respectfully solicit its allowance.

Respectfully submitted,  
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